by December, 1993 except two Blast Fur-once which are likely to be completed by December, 1994.

(iii) *Bokaro Steel Plant and Indian Iron and Steel Company (II SCO) :* The proposals for modernisation of Bokaro Steel Plant at a total cost of Rs. 1649.48 crows (base 2nd quarter 1922 prices) and I1SCO at a cost of Rs. 6520 crores with foreign exchange component of Rs. 1565 crores (base 3rd guarter 1991 prices) are under consideration of the Government.

(b) The *s*teils are given below :

(Rs. in crores)

Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP)	.	1810
Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP)	.	3545
Bokaro Steel Plant (BSP)	.	1446
Indian Iron & Steel Company (IISCO)	.	300

(c) No, Sir. However, due to funds constraints, Government have constituted a Committee Of Esperts in June, 1992 for exploring the possibility of private parti-otpation ln IISCO modernisation Whose final recommendations are expected by January, 1993.

(d) Against an estimated demand of 290 lakh tonnes of finished steel during 8th plan the proautstion is expected to be Of the Order of 240.92 lakh tonnes leaving a Sborffall of 9.08 lakh tonnes to be met through Imports.

implementation of Tension Scheme in SAIL

887. SHRI SUSHDL KUMAR SAM-BHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that the scheme of pension in public sector undertakings under his Ministry thcluding SAIL, has not beem implernented till date in spite of the Momorandum of Understanding reached in this regard;

(b) whether Government have taken any action in this regard to implement the above soheme; and

(C) If so, the detilis thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) In the Memorandum of Understanding reached in the National Joint Committee for Steel Industry (NJCS) in March 1989, it was proposed to start a Pension Scheme in SAIL w.e.f. 1-1-1989.

(b) and (c) The Government has issued guidelines to all Public Sector Undertakings in April, 1991 regarding Pension Scheme which stipulated, *inter-alia,* that :

(i) Suitable Annuity Schemes could be formed through the LIC, based on purely volwtetary contributions made by the employees, through a fund outside the PSEs, without any liability on PSE/Government.

(ii) The management contribution to the superannuation fund would be restricted to Rs. 100/- per anmum for all employees taken together.

On the basis of the Government guidelines cited above, Ministry of Steel has conveyed the approval for the introduction of Pension Scheme in SAIL on 18-2-1992.

Recently, SAIL have suggested cdrtain BftriaifledtioriS' for the 46ove scheme to the Government for reconsideration.

Steel in SAIL and TISCO Stockyards

888. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the MmiSTER OF STEEL be pleased to state : .

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of tonnes of steel are lying in the SAIL stockyards and TISCO stockyards in the North-East;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what corrective steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SON-TOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) The SAIL stockyards in the North-Eastern sector had stocks of around 16,866 MTs (including 150 MTs of Pig Iron) as on 1st November, 1992 as compared to a total of 20,200 tonnes held during the eorresponding period of lest year. TISCO had a total stock of 897 MTs of Iron and